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SUBJECT: INCREASED NORWEGIAN ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL

PORTUGUESE-NORWEGIAN JOINT COMMISSION MET JULY 12-13 IN LISBON WITH NORWEGIAN FINANCE MINISTER PER KLEPPE AND HIS PORTUGUESE COUNTERPART, SALGADO ZENHA, PARTICIPATING. FINAL COMMUNIQUE COVERED FOLLOWING AREAS OF COOPERATION:

A. HOUSING: 1,100 HOUSES FOR REFUGEES PROVIDED BY NORWEGIAN AUTHORITIES ARE CURRENTLY BEING BUILT. EXISTING EXPORT CREDIT LINE FROM NORWEGIAN AGENCY "EKSPORTFINANS" WILL BE DOUBLED TO 200 MILLION KRONER, OF WHICH 120 MILLION WILL FINANCE CONSTRUCTION OF 2,000 HOUSES. OF THIS TOTAL, UNCLASSIFIED

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80 MILLION KRONER WILL COVER EXPENSES WITHIN PORTUGAL

AND REMAINING 40 MILLION WILL FINANCE NORWEGIAN EQUIPMENT EXPORTS. NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF REDUCING INTEREST RATE, SUBJECT TO PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL.

B. FISHERIES AND AGRICULTURE: JOINT FISHERIES PROJECTS - E.G., ESTABLISHING COLD STORAGE NET ON CONTINENT AND IN AZORES - ARE PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY. GROUP OF PORTUGUESE ARE TO ATTEND FISHERIES COURSES IN NORWAY, AND PORTUGUESE DELEGATION WILL VISIT THAT COUNTRY TO STUDY AGRICULTURAL AND COOPERATIVE SYSTEMS. NORWAY ALSO IS TO ASSIST IN CREATION OF PORTUGUESE FORESTRY TRAINING CENTER.

C. MISCELLANEOUS: NORWEGIAN EXPERTS WILL ASSIST PORTUGUESE IN STATISTICS AND ECONOMIC PLANNING. NORWAY WILL RENDER TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOWARD CREATION OF TWO DENTAL SCHOOLS, IN LISBON AND OPORTO. DELEGATION FROM NORWEGIAN EXPORT PROMOTION FUND WILL VISIT PORTUGAL IN AUTUMN 1976 TO STUDY POSSIBLE INCREASED INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION. NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING INCREASING ITS CONTRIBUTION TO PROMOTION OF NORWEGIAN TOURISM TO PORTUGAL IN 1977.
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